

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1203
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Joseph William
Remke, Jr. of Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Dr. Joseph William Remke, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Remke was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Joe William Remke, Jr. was born in Lawrenceburg on January 11, 1925 to
Joseph William Remke, Sr. and Mae Elizabeth Lyles Remke; he later graduated from the
University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the Southern College of Optometry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Remke served with acumen and alacrity as a Doctor of
Optometry for more than fifty years, earning the respect of his colleagues and patients alike for
the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to quality eye care; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his practice, Dr. Remke was highly involved in other aspects
of the field of optometry; he was a member of the American Optometric Association and the
Tennessee Optometric Association and a Past Chairman of the Board of the Southern College
of Optometry; and

WHEREAS, a community-minded individual, Joseph Remke was a Past President of the
Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund,
and Past Chairman of the Lawrenceburg Power Board and the First National Bank Board of
Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Remke was an active and devout member of the Sacred Heart Catholic
Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Remke, Jr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Remke was the proud father of Dr. Joseph W. Remke, III and his wife Kathy, Thomas Bridgewater Remke and his wife Sharon, Dr. Robert D. Remke and his wife Leah, the loving grandfather of seven, and the great-grandfather of one; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brother, Charles "Sonny" Remke, sister, Jane Remke Jones, and special friend, Mary Gilliam; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife, the late Peggy Joe Bridgewater Remke and his sister, Mary Frances Armes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Remke leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Joseph William Remke, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character in the field of optometry and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Joseph Remke, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.